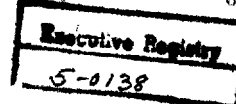


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Chief, Office of General Services

Chief of Logistics

Proposed Building for CIA Records Center.

REFERENCE: Confidential memorandum of Chief, General Services, to Chief, Logistics, dated 25 August 1953, same subject.

1. Pursuant to receipt of reference memorandum and discussions between representatives of Records Management and Distribution Branch and the Real Estate and Construction Division, preliminary plans have been prepared showing specifically the proposal of Construction Engineering personnel for solution of the reference problem.

2. Attached hereto are prints of preliminary sketches of the proposed scheme, together with an outline description of the building and an estimate based upon these preliminary data.

25X1A6d 3. It should be noted here that the present proposal is still based upon use of land available at [REDACTED] 25X1A6d  
[REDACTED] An alternative to the specific location previously selected is shown on the Plot Plan. While it is considered preferable to locate nearer the existing access road and parking area in order to avoid the sharp descent to the lower ground, both for trucking and for personnel on foot, this office still feels that the whole of the station lands itself poorly to construction of reference building. A level terrain would possess marked advantages from the point of view of economy of construction and operation.

4. It will further be noted that the total construction cost in the attached estimate exceeds that of the comparative estimate previously submitted, which was based upon known costs of the Hanford Center, augmented to meet requirements as set forth in the original request of your office. The present estimate is based upon more specific design and includes allowances for a 50 per cent increase in the storage capacity of the building. The contingency is reduced in light of the firmer specifications used. It is believed that further economies may be possible and that competitive bidding based upon more detailed data will result in a lower total cost of the work. It is recommended that approval in principle be sought for the erection of a building to cost approximately \$400,000.00, with the provision that Project Review Committee action will be recommended after the taking of bids for the construction.

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